

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on January 31, 2017 at 2:23 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 115, 1/27/2017; SB 14, 1/24/2017; SB 43, 1/24/2017

Executive Action: HB 3 Be Concurred In As Amended

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 3

00:01:16 **Motion:** Sen. Moore moved that **HB 3 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:01:26 **Motion:** Sen. Moore moved that **HB 3 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(fcs22a01)

Discussion:

00:01:34 Sen. Moore

00:02:12 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-0 by voice vote of those present and voting.

00:02:22 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Moore moved that **HB 3 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 14-0 by voice vote. Sen. McNally, Sen. Phillips, Sen. Sesso and Sen. Welborn were excused. Sen. Moore will carry the bill.

HEARING ON SB 115

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:13 Sen. Eric Moore (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 115, Revising stipends for national board certified teachers. *(Note: Sen. Moore opened the bill for Sen. Mary Moe, SD 12)*

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:55 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association
00:06:05 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT
00:06:59 Sen. McNally and Sen. Sesso entered the meeting
00:09:09 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana
00:10:45 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:11:44 Ken Bailey, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:04 Sen. Olszewski
00:12:24 Mr. Bailey, OPI
00:14:20 Sen. Olszewski
00:14:31 Mr. Bailey
00:15:09 Sen. Howard
00:15:25 Mr. Bailey
00:15:38 Sen. Howard
00:15:52 Mr. Bailey
00:16:17 Sen. Howard

00:16:22 Mr. Ferro, MEA-MFT
00:18:53 Sen. Howard
00:19:06 Mr. Ferro

Closing by Sponsor:

00:19:32 Sen. Moore

HEARING ON SB 14

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:20:34 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 14, Expand eligibility for Indian language immersion program funding.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:22:17 Ken Bailey, Office of Public Instruction

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:36 Sen. Cohenour

HEARING ON SB 43

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:23:20 Sen. Jon Sesso (D), SD 37, opened the hearing on SB 43, Generally revise laws governing the long-range building program.

[**EXHIBIT\(fcs22a02\)**](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:29:41 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:58 Sen. Smith
00:30:12 Sen. Sesso
00:31:23 Sen. Ankney

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00:32:24 Sen. Sesso
00:34:12 Sen. Moore
00:34:22 Sen. Sesso
00:35:16 Chair Jones
00:35:22 Sen. Sesso

Closing by Sponsor:

00:35:58 Sen. Sesso

00:36:15 Chairman Jones

[EXHIBIT](#)(fcs22a03)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:01 PM

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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